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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 10

Introduced by Assembly Member Brownley

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10—Relative to school-based health centers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 10, as amended, Brownley. School-based health centers.

This measure would memorialize the Legislature's support for the school-based health center program authorized by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, an appropriation by the United States Congress to fund this program, policies that include school-based health centers as a partner in creating a medical home for all children, and the inclusion of school-based health centers in the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, School health centers, which operate in 176 schools
- 2 across California, are an integral part of the state's health care
- 3 delivery system, providing preventative and treatment services to

1 pupils who may otherwise have no or limited access to health care;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, School health centers improve academic
4 achievement by increasing the physical and mental health status
5 of pupils, thereby raising attendance rates, reducing dropout rates,
6 and improving classroom attention and behavior; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite challenging academic times, many
8 communities across California have made it a priority to piece
9 together local, federal, and private money to start and run school
10 health centers; and

11 WHEREAS, There is still a high level or unmet need for school
12 health centers because many California children do not have access
13 to high-quality, affordable health care, as shown by the fact that
14 1.5 million California children were uninsured for at least part of
15 2009, which is up 40 percent from 2007, and by the fact that one
16 in five California children lack dental coverage; and

17 WHEREAS, Low-income children and children of color are
18 less likely to have access to health care, with only 32 percent of
19 children in families with incomes below the federal poverty line,
20 32 percent of Latino children, and 42 percent of African American
21 children having a “medical home”, as compared to 66 percent of
22 Caucasian children; and

23 WHEREAS, The Legislature has already demonstrated its strong
24 support for school health centers through the passage of important
25 pieces of state legislation, including the Healthy Start Support
26 Services for Children Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section
27 8800) of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code)
28 and the Public School Health Center Support Program (Article 10
29 (commencing with Section 124174) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of
30 Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code); and

31 WHEREAS, The United States Congress authorized a
32 school-based health center program in the federal Patient Protection
33 and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), but did not
34 appropriate money to fund it; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
36 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature supports the school-based
37 health center program authorized by the federal Patient Protection
38 and Affordable Care Act, as enacted by the United States Congress
39 in 2010; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports an appropriation by the
2 United States Congress to fund the school-based health center
3 program authorized by the federal Patient Protection and
4 Affordable Care Act, as enacted by the United States Congress in
5 2010; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports policies that include
7 school-based health centers as a partner in creating a medical home
8 for all children; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports the inclusion of
10 school-based health centers in the reauthorization of the federal
11 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec.6301 et
12 seq.) as an important strategy for ensuring that pupils are physically
13 and mentally healthy and therefore ready to learn; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
16 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
17 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
18 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
19 States.